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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ SECTION ONE OF TWO F471-209-73 CURRENT SIGINT OVERVIEW (CSO) FOR 16 MAY 73. 1. NORTH VIETNAM ON 15 MAY 73, IN A CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS, IT WAS REVEALED THAT SOUTHEAST ASIAN COMMUNISTS ARE HOLDING ONE AMERICAN, SIX MEO, AND POSSIBLY THREE THAI PRISONERS. THE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN ONE UNIDENTIFIED AND UNLOCATED SPEAKER AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER LOCATED IN THE HANOI AREA, WITH THE FORMER STATING, WE HAVE ONE AMERICAN PRISONER AND SIX MEO PRISONERS. THE SPEAKER STATED THAT THE PRISONERS WERE RANGERS AND FEARED THAT THEY MIGHT ESCAPE. REFERENCE WAS ALSO MADE TO THREE THAI PRISONERS. (USA-29 2/RO/652-73 (VCJ) DTG 151032Z MAY 73) (SCN) CSG COMMENT, NO MENTION WAS MADE AS TO WHETHER THE AMERICAN PRISONER WAS MILITARY OR CIVILIAN. 2. SOUTH VIETNAM THE HQ, NVA 324B DIVISION WAS LOCATED ON 11 MAY IN CENTRAL THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITHIN 3000 METERS OF YD 550 149, APPROXIMATELY 20 KM WEST-SOUTHWEST OF HUE, AND 20 KM WEST OF ITS 02 APRIL LOCATION. 3. LAOS ON 15 MAY, THE LAOTIAN NEUTRALIST OPERATIONS COMMANDER POST AT VANG VIENG INFORMED VIENTIANE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, AND VOLUNTEER BATTALION 58 THAT ONE ENEMY COMPANY WAS LOCATED AT TG 354 448 AND ONE AT TG 334 486. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT THREE ENEMY TANKS WERE DEPLOYED ALONG ROUTE 7 FROM PHOU VIENG NOI (TG 47 56) TO PHOU VIENG NHAY (TG 51 58) AND TWO ENEMY TANKS WERE REPORTED MOVING TOWARD SALA PHOU KHOUN (TG 42 53). AN 85MM FIELD GUN AND THREE 122MM ROCKET LAUNCHERS WERE REPORTEDLY POSITIONED BETWEEN NA HAN (TG 42 53) AND PHOU VIENG NHAY ALONG ROUTE 7. (USM-7 TACREP NR 817-73 DTG 151520Z MAY 73) (SCN) 4. INFILTRATION THE NVA MILITARY REGION (MR) 559 COMMO-LIAISON SYSTEM -- THE CHAIN OF RELAY STATIONS (CALLED COMMO-LIAISON OR STS STATIONS) WHICH OVERSEES THE NORTHWARD AND SOUTHWARD MOVEMENT OF NORTH VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL -- IN SOUTHERNMOST LAOS AND NORTHEASTERN CAMBODIA IS BEING REDUCED AND REALIGNED. THESE CHANGES ARE OCCURRING AS A RESULT OF THE ONSET OF THE RAINY SEASON IN THIS AREA AND AMIDST INDICATIONS THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WILL, DURING THE RAINY SEASON, CEASE MOST INFILTRATION TO THE B3 FRONT AND THE COSVN AREAS OF CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. HQ, MR 559 INFORMED CROUP 470 ON 30 APRIL THAT AFTER GROUP 2008 HAD CLEARED THE SYSTEM, NO NEW INFILTRATION GROUPS WOULD BE SENT SOUTH, AND THAT THE COMMO-LIAISON STATION IN THE GROUP 470 AREA WOULD ONLY HAVE TO MAKE PROVISIONS TO SERVICE TROOPS WHICH WOULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM \$FRONT TO \$FRONT DURING MAY AND JUNE. THE MR 559 REPORT PROBABLY REFERS ONLY TO FOUR-DIGIT, REGULAR INFILTRATION GROUPS AND NOT TO SPECIAL-PURPOSE GROUPS, A NUMBER OF WHICH ARE STILL BEING INTRODUCED INTO THE SYSTEM. REDUCTIONS IN THE COMMO-LIAISON APPARATUS WERE ALSO INDICATED IN ANOTHER RECENT REPORT WHEREIN MR 559 INFORMED GROUP 470 THAT A NUMBER OF \$ENTRY AND EXIT \$POINTS IN THE GROUP 471 AREA HAD BEEN CLOSED AS OF 30 APRIL, AND THAT TRAVEL TO THE GROUP 470 AREA WOULD THEREFORE BE SOMEWHAT SLOWER. (DIRNSA 2/00/7744-73 (VCJ) DTG 141951Z MAY 73) (SCN) 5. CAMBODIA A COMBODIAN COMMUNIST (KC) REPORT OF 12 MAY DISCUSSED THEIR INTENTIONS IN THE VICINITY OF KAMPOT CITY. THE REPORT STATED, \$SOLDIER S OF THE COMBODIAN PEOPLE'S NATIONAL

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LIBERATION FRONT STILL CONTINUE TO ATTACK TOWARD TONG CHAROL (U/L) TO THE VICINITY OF THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF KEP AND TO PRESS ALWAYS ON TO KAMPOT CITY.....KAMPOT CITY IS NEXT.\$ THE REPORT WENT ON TO STATE THAT THEIR HEAVY ARTILLERY HAVE CANNONS AIMED AT KRAKES AIRPORT (VS Ø8 75) AND THAT IF THE \$ENEMY\$ DARES TO LAND AIR- CRAFT THERE, THEN \$THEY WILL BE DESTROYED.\$ 78Ø
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